



# **SOUTH CAROLINA'S SAFETY BELT LAW CHANGED DECEMBER 9, 2005**

## **HOW:**

**THE NEW LAW ALLOWS FOR PRIMARY  
ENFORCEMENT OF SAFETY BELT USAGE**

### **UNDER THE NEW PRIMARY LAW:**

**A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER HAS THE  
AUTHORITY TO STOP A DRIVER IF THE  
OFFICER HAS A CLEAR AND UNOBSTRUCTED  
VIEW OF A DRIVER OR OCCUPANT OF A  
MOTOR VEHICLE NOT WEARING A SAFETY  
BELT OR NOT SECURED IN A CHILD  
RESTRAINT SYSTEM**

### **UNDER THE OLD SECONDARY LAW:**

**AN OFFICER CAN ONLY CITE A MOTORIST FOR A SAFETY BELT VIOLATION  
IF THE MOTORIST HAS BEEN STOPPED FOR ANOTHER VIOLATION.**

